GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5462
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BORDER DISTRICT
PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the district of Patan is declared the border district in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the action taken to improve the infrastructure in the said district; and

(c) the fund allocated to Gujarat for the above purpose ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): No, Sir. Border areas have been identified only for the limited purpose of implementation of the Border Area Development Programme. Under this programme, Special Central Assistance is released to those State Governments which have blocks with International land borders. Although the Government of Gujarat is allocated funds under Border Area Development Programme (BADP), only six blocks of Kutch district, namely, Bhuj, Lakhpat, Mandvi, Abdasa, Bhachau, Rapar, and two blocks of Banaskantha district, namely, Vav and Santalpur are covered, as only these border blocks have international land borders. No blocks in Patan district have an international land border, hence, funds are not allocated under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) to the blocks of Patan district.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.